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Health Care Facilities Urged to Check Fire Extinguishers for Recalled Products

DES MOINES, IOWA (February 8, 2006) – The Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) is urging all health care facilities in the state to check their dry chemical fire extinguishers. Today’s action followed receipt of a notice from the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of a voluntary recall of products manufactured by Strike First Corporation of Scarborough, Ontario, Canada.

“CMS is urging all state survey agencies to make health care facilities aware of a recent recall notice issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) following reports that the fire extinguishers can fail to discharge properly when the trigger is activated,” DIA Director Steve Young said. “Failure of a fire extinguisher to properly discharge not only puts the user at risk for fire-related injuries, but could also jeopardize the health and safety of residents, patients, and clients in a facility.”

The recalled products include Strike First 2.5-pound and 5-pound dry chemical fire extinguishers with model numbers WBSF-ABC110AP, WBSF-ABC210AP, and WBSF-ABC340AP. The model number is located under the manufacturer’s address on the far right hand side of the instruction label. The recalled fire extinguishers have the following serial numbers:

Model Number	Serial Number Range
WBSF-ABC110AP	TC101566 through TC108819
WBSF-ABC210AP	TC114969 through TC135000 VV82822001 through VV832000 WH161001 through WH167622
WBSF-ABC340AP	TC135894 through TC142345

The serial number is located on the extinguisher’s label, below the “UL” mark. The fire extinguishers are red, and designed for commercial, industrial, multi-residential and vehicle application, the Director added.

Nearly 51,000 fire extinguishers are affected by this product recall. The extinguishers would have been sold at various dealers nationwide from December 2002 through April 2004 at a cost of between \$13 and \$21. “Anyone with fire extinguishers included in this recall should immediately contact the manufacturer for information on how to arrange to have the extinguisher repaired,” the Director stated.

Consumers should call SFC America at 1-800-255-5515 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. (Central Time) Monday through Friday. Additional information about the recall may be obtained from the manufacturer’s web site at www.strikefirstusa.com.

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